

## RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

The second volume of Dr. H. H. Wendt's work, "The Teaching of Jesus" (Charles Scribner's Sons), confirms the favorable impression of Dr. Wendt's ability and insight made by the first volume reviewed in these columns a few months ago. The author's object in writing the work was to bring out what he conceived to be the teaching of Jesus as the real fundamental basis of Christianity, instead of the commonly accepted ideas of an inspired Bible or an infallible Church. With this object in view, he has made a minute and impartial study of all the words of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. In doing this he has, of course, followed the historical method, and the result is a body of facts and inferences as to the intent of the teaching of Jesus that is of great value to the theologian and the student of Christianity. The topics embraced in this second volume are, the preaching of the Kingdom of God in general, the testimony of Jesus to His Messiahship, the outlook of Jesus upon the earthly development of the Kingdom of God, a survey of the contents of the teaching of Jesus, the significance of His teaching, the tradition of the main synoptic discourses, and of the discourses of the fourth gospel. The translation is clear and idiomatic.

"The New World" for December, which completes the issue for the first year, is a brilliant number. Protap Chunder Mozumdar has an interesting article about theistic movements in India, known as the Brahmo-Somans, with which he is prominently identified. William M. Salter tells what the future of Christianity ought to be from the point of view of those who believe in no religion but morality, while in "Progressive Orthodoxy," Professor Egbert C. Smyth of Andover, sketches the orderly development of religious ideas in the movement known as the "new theology." G. Santayana, of Harvard University, contributes an original and striking paper on the present position of the Roman Catholic Church. Though not himself a member of that communion, he believes that it contains elements that must permanently attract men, though it will change its character in the future, as it has in the past. Professor Henry Allen writes discredibly enough about Michael Servetus, and the opinions for which he was condemned and burned at the stake, with the active approval of Calvin. Albert Rerville writes of the birth and infancy of Jesus, and James T. Bishby contributes a learned article on the Monistic theory of the soul. All the recent theological works of permanent value are reviewed by eminent and well-known specialists.

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